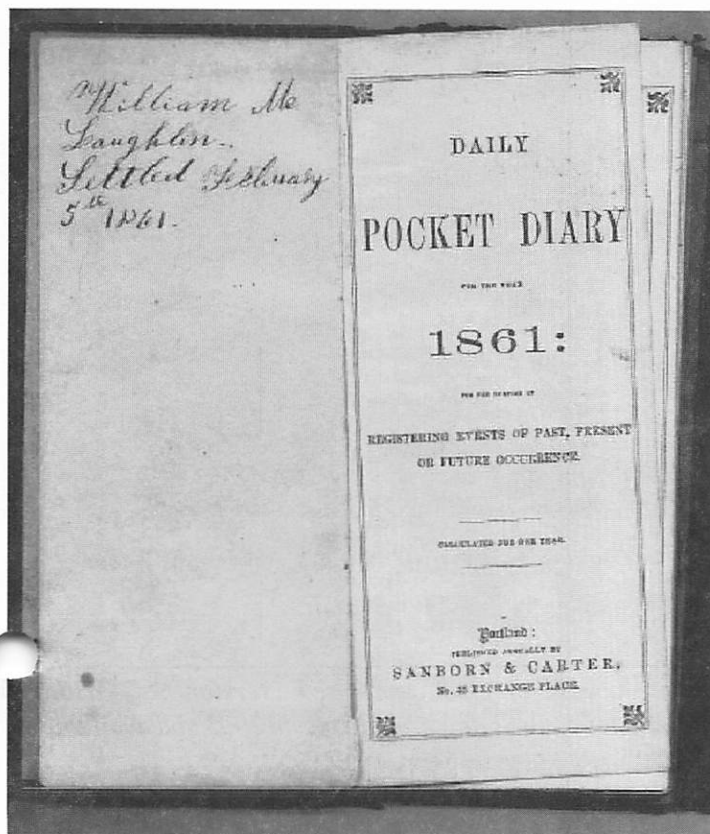


THE COURIER

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Title page of William McLaughlin's 1861 diary, recently donated to the Society's research library.

1861 Pocket Diary of William McLaughlin Donated to Society

One hundred and forty-three years ago, William McLaughlin (ca. 1840-1863) of Dixfield, Maine, took time out of each day to record his activities in a small pocket diary. Beginning on January 1, 1861, McLaughlin jotted down his thoughts, which for the most part centered on his family's farm near Dixfield's eastern border with the town of Canton. In a final entry made on December 31, McLaughlin lamented, "... our country is involved in civil war and is fast going to ruin." In less than a year's time, McLaughlin would become involved in that war, enlisting in E Company of the 22nd Maine Infantry at Bangor on October 10, 1862. Seven months and three days later, he died of disease at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and is buried there in the Baton Rouge National Cemetery. Today, the once open pastures on "Canton Mountain"—site of the McLaughlin farm—have returned to

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METALLAK

Editor's Note: This brief memoir on the Indian Metallak is found in the Oxford Democrat of 17 January 1890. The author is Peter Smith Bean, who was born in Bethel on 23 March 1824, the son of Daniel Bean, Jr. of Bethel and Betsey Smith of Newry. He died in the G. A. R. Home in Cadott, Wisconsin on 11 October 1911. His paternal grandparents of whom he speaks in this article were Daniel Bean, Sr. of Chester, NH and Margaret Shaw of Hampton, NH. By accident of birth, each of these three fathers found themselves of age to serve in the great war of their generation, Grandfather Bean was a veteran of the American Revolution. Daniel Bean, Jr. was a veteran of the War of 1812. Peter Smith Bean served in Company D, 6th Iowa Cavalry during the Civil War. P. S. Bean enjoyed sketching verbal images of Maine life in the early 19th century. He spent his formative years in the wooded surroundings of Upton, ME. After moving to Wisconsin, where he married, had a family and enlisted in the military, he returned to Oxford County for a time. Eventually, he ventured back to the midwest, where he spent the remainder of his life. While living in Wisconsin, he kept up with the doings of his native state by subscribing to the Oxford County Advertiser, which ran recollections of old-timers from the area. The sketch below was among Bean's first of many. His recollections of the characters and events of life in Maine's northwestern forest and lake lands are useful additions to our local lore.

The first Indian I ever remember of meeting was Metallak. I remember of his stopping at Father's when he lived at Middle Intervale in Bethel. Father had a cabinet shop at that time. I think it was the summer of 1827. Metallak was going to see Siah Bean, an uncle of Father's.

After we moved to Letter B (Upton) grandfather, Daniel Bean, sen., had gone there before that. Metallak was often at our place and he and grandfather were great friends. He lived in sight of grandfather's but across the lake [Umbagog], some three miles away on Metallak Point. He always stopped when he was going to Andover and Bethel, which was quite often.

On such trips he left all the small game that he shot between the Point and our place. It consisted of ducks, geese and partridges. He would say "me eat with you when I come back." On his return trip he was generally there at dinner. He was always welcome.

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forest and only crumbling granite foundations remain to indicate where buildings once stood.

William McLaughlin's 1861 diary was more fortunate than its creator. Sometime after his death, the book passed to a neighboring family, the Carvers, who then handed it down to a modern-day descendant, Bruce Berry of Gorham, Maine. In June of 2002, Berry contacted a cousin, Stanford Carver of Wappingers Falls, New York, suggesting that a transcription of the McLaughlin diary might be a worthwhile project. Carver, a member of the Bethel Historical Society, heartily agreed. Both men then set out to find the meaning behind William McLaughlin's often cryptic statements and to identify people frequently mentioned, including many of their Ludden, Carver, and Howard ancestors.

A survey engineer by profession, Bruce Berry utilized GPS (global positioning system) technology, in conjunction with old and new maps, to locate the many long-abandoned house, mill and farm building sites referenced in the diary. Fascinated by the many archaic terms and forgotten farm activities mentioned by McLaughlin, Stan Carver conducted extensive research on these subjects, as well as the history of the towns of Dixfield and Canton. Their efforts reached a successful conclusion late in 2003 with the publication of *1861 Pocket Diary of William McLaughlin: An Annotated Transcription*. Filled with maps, diagrams, photographs, and highly informative notes, this book is an excellent example of how a relatively dry record can be made meaningful to those interested in rural life in northern New England on the eve of the Civil War. The book has additional significance, in that few documents of this type relating to western Maine have ever been published in this format and with such extensive annotations.

Soon after the McLaughlin diary was published, a copy of the book was donated to the Society's research library by the editors. Copies were also made available for purchase in the Society's Museum Shop (the 134 page soft-cover volume currently retails for \$22.50, plus shipping; see back page of this newsletter for ordering information). In early October of this year, the Society was pleased to receive the original McLaughlin diary which has been donated to our research library by Bruce Berry in memory of his great-grandparents, Edwin H. and Sadie Howard Carver, whose parents were neighbors of the Carvers and are mentioned in the diary. The Society is extremely gratified to receive this gift, which will join other Civil War era diaries already in the collection. Appreciation is extended to Bruce Berry and Stan Carver for preserving William McLaughlin's diary through this donation and by its publication in book form.

In Memoriam

Died, 8 August 2003, Denny Bunn, Tallahassee, FL, Life Member

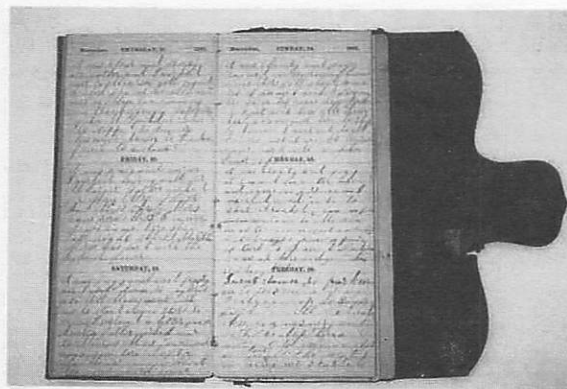
Died, 22 August 2004, Vance Richardson, Portland, ME, Charter and Honorary Member

Died, 17 September 2004, Jane deFrees, Rumford, Life Member

New Life Member

Joanne Benton, Portland, OR

1861
Pocket Diary
of
William McLaughlin
An Annotated Transcription
By
Stanford Carver & Bruce Berry



Thursday, November 21 to Tuesday, November 26 ---1861

Front cover of the annotated version of William McLaughlin's 1861 diary, published in 2003 and available in the Society's Museum Shop.

(METALLAK, continued from page 1)

I have sat on his knee many a time, he trotting and talking to me. He used to bring lumps of spruce gum. I remember how he looked sitting on the porch with grandfather and smoking their pipes as friendly as two brothers. Father said Metallak was an old Indian when he first saw him. As I remember him he was a rather tall straight Indian when he first saw him, very quiet, hardly ever laughed or smiled, kind hearted and one to be trusted as a friend in honesty, liked by all who knew him.

He had two sons, the oldest was named Wilumpa, the other was Parmayillet. They often used to bring things that they did not want to use during the summer over to our place and hang them up in the roof of the barn until fall, while they were upon their fishing and hunting tour to the Upper Lakes sometimes not returning until fall, then taking them to their winter camp for use during cold weather.

About 1829 or 1830, his two sons went to Canada, but could not persuade Metallak to go with them. From that time, he made his home on the Upper Magalloway most of time living alone. He made occasional visits to Andover and Rumford to dispose of his furs and pelts, always stopping to see grandfather to have smoke and a glass of rum.

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I never saw him take only one glass at a time. If asked to take more he would say "one plenty."

The last time I saw Metallak was in the winter of 1833. It was after Grandfather had gone to Bethel to live with George Grover, who had married Dolly Bean, father's sister. It was at the time Grandfather died. Father had gone to Bethel to attend the funeral of his father. Metallak stopped as usual to ask about Grandfather and Father. Mother told him that Grandfather was dead and then he asked for young Daniel. Mother told him he had gone to Bethel to his father's funeral.

Metallak was silent for a long time, the tears running down his cheek. When he looked up saying, "Daniel gone to the happy hunting ground and left Metallak. He same as brother. Me go soon. Me know old man Daniel long ago when he first came to Bethel. Me old Indian then. He gone and left me. I know young Daniel when he small papoose. Siah Bean dead, Daniel Bean dead. Me dead soon. Me old man die soon. Me never come here any more."

He went to his camp on the Magalloway. It was near Nat Bean's. Afterward he fell and put out one of his eyes on a stub by his camp which caused the loss of both eyes. The neighbors went to the camp and found him helpless. They took him to Nat Bean's and notified his daughter in Canada. She came with a team and took him back home with her. His daughter married a Frenchman and was well off. That is the last I ever saw of Metallak.

P. S. Bean
Cadott, Wisconsin



New Hampshire Historic Site Marker on Route 145 in Stewartstown, NH near the cemetery where he is buried provides some essential information on Metallak including the exaggerated estimate of his age.

President's Column

The 2004 Annual Meeting has passed into history and we are now planning another Society year. 2005 promises to be a busy one with the bicentenary of Oxford County to be celebrated on June 11, 2005 at Paris Hill. In the meantime, we expect our Society to sponsor a variety of events prior to this date to highlight this milestone. We also have the Smithsonian exhibit "Barn Again!" coming in August and staying with us for two months. During that time, we are planning a number of programming activities to celebrate barns and agriculture.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support of the Society. We have a very active organization that makes important contributions to the community. Numerous volunteers do so many things for us and they are to be congratulated for their hard work and dedicated service.

As we approach the end of the year, I hope everyone is planning to attend this year's New Year's Bethel, which has undergone some changes and promises to be better than ever.

Arlan Jodrey



Capital Campaign Update

Over \$630,000 has been raised to date from cash, stock, gifts, pledges, grants, and challenges from over 400 donors. Another comprehensive listing of those making gifts will be included in the next issue. To learn more about this Society project or to make a capital gift, see our web-site address on page 12 or call (800) 824-2910 or write us at P.O. Box 12, Bethel, ME 04217-0012.

Society Opens Martin Collection Exhibit of Maine Minerals

The mineral resources of Maine, especially those of Oxford County, have attracted public attention for nearly two centuries, some of it national in scope. In the 1820s, soon after tourmaline deposits were uncovered nearby on Mount Mica at Paris, Maine, collectors throughout the region began gathering up these unusual products of nature to display and study for their remarkable appearance scientific value, a practice that continues to this day. Eventually, markets for the commercial use of these natural materials—notably mica and feldspar—were found.

Early in 2001, the Society received a gift of documents, research notes, and books compiled and collected by local businessman, historians and author Stuart F. Martin of Rumford Point, Maine. Later that year, the Society was presented with a representative collection of Maine mineral specimens also assembled by Mr. Martin. This temporary exhibit features over sixty of these specimens, many of which were mined in locations near Bethel—including such places as Albany, Newry, Stoneham, and Rumford.

Much appreciation is extended to Kimball Martin and Anne Martin Smith for their generous donation of their father's research materials and mineral specimens to the Society's care.

39th ANNUAL MEETING

Rainy weather prevented the annual outdoor chicken barbecue prior to the 39th annual meeting on September 9, 2004. Instead nearly fifty members and friends gathered in the meeting room of the Dr. Moses Mason House, which became the Society's headquarters thirty years ago, a milestone that was duly noted at the meeting. Baked chicken was enjoyed along with a hearty variety of salads, desserts, rolls and beverages.

Following the meal, president Arlan Jodrey called the 39th annual meeting to order. There was no secretary's report as the 38th annual meeting was reported in the 2003 fall *Courier*. It was also announced by the president that the 2003 financial report would be published in *The Courier* when it becomes available later in the year.

A moment of silence was observed for those members who had died since the last annual meeting. These included: Muriel Kilgore Ewing, Robert Stedman, Mary Mills, Marguerite McNally, James Sturtevant, Carol Hardenbrook, Julia Brown, William Howe, Lucille Holman, Ruth Wight, Robert Eichel, Kathryn Hamlin, Evelyn Nickerson, Mina McMillin, Barbara Kuzyk, Vance Richardson, and Herbert Kittredge.

President Jodrey reviewed some of the highlights since the last annual meeting. Among them were thirty new individual members and three business/corporate members added to the rolls, over eighty donations made to the museum and research library, the hosting of a number of successful special events, the sponsorship of a house and garden tour, the opening of exhibits on Molly Ockett (funded by the Maine Daughters of the American Revolution) and Oxford County minerals, plus a spring course on Canada and northern New England. It was also announced that the Society would be one of three locations in Maine to host the Smithsonian Institution's "Barn Again!" exhibit in 2005.

The president then presented the 2004 Noll Volunteer Service Award to Avery Angevine. Mr. Jodrey's read the following citation: "This year's recipient has been a longtime member of the Society's Building Committee, where he has been involved in a number of projects in addition to attending and participating in committee meetings. He was active in installing the hitching post in front of the Robinson House, in moving the blacksmith shop further back in the Mason House lot, and in the restoration of the Sunday River snowroller. A generous donor to the Society, he is also a life and honorary member. It is a great pleasure to present the 2004 Marjorie MacArthur Noll Volunteer Service Award to Avery Angevine."

President Jodrey called on Dean Walker, chairman of the Nominating Committee, for the report of the Committee: President, Arlan Jodrey; Vice President, Allen Cressy; Secretary and Clerk of the Trustees, Susan Herlihy; Treasurer, Walter Hatch; Trustees for Three Years: June Abbott, John Head. The report was accepted without dissent and all of the above were elected. Following this vote, the president called upon the membership to select two members to represent the General Membership on the Nominating Committee for 2005.

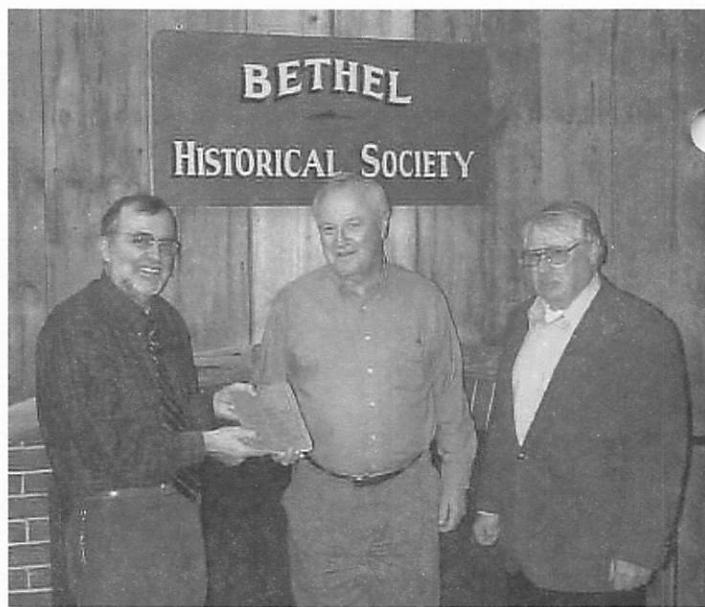
Arlene Lowell and Dean Walker were unanimously elected. It was announced that the Board of Trustees would make their selection from retiring trustees next year.

Among committee reports, Jackie Cressy, chair of the Garden and Grounds Committee appealed for more volunteer to help with ground of the Mason and Robinson houses. Anyone wishing to help was urged to call the Society office (824-2908) or Mrs. Cressy (824-0508).

Following adjournment of the meeting, Board of Trustees chair Al Cressy introduced the speaker for the evening, Marty Engstrom, who spoke and showed slides of his years as a television technician on the top of Mt. Washington from 1964-2002.



President Arlan Jodrey (right) presents Life and Honorary Member Avery Angevine of Bethel with the 18th Marjorie MacArthur Noll Volunteer Service Award at the Annual Meeting.



On September 27, 2004, Bethel Historical Society member Peter Stowell of West Gardiner presented the Society with an unusual account book compiled by Dr. Timothy Carter (1768-1845), the town's first physician. This small, six by eight inch handsewn volume is titled "A Book Shewing what I have let my children have to help them a long in getting an Education and to get a living, begining the account when they went from home to School." Running to roughly 25 pages, the book is divided into sections by child and then by year, presenting expenditures that begin in 1809 and end in the early 1830s. As one of Bethel's most prominent citizens, Dr. Carter was not unusual in keeping such an accounting, but such records have seldom survived the years. Just inside the book's front cover, Dr. Carter explains that these expenses toward his children's education would be deducted from their portion of his estate at his demise. Joining Peter Stowell and Society Director Stan Howe at the presentation was Bethel resident Timothy Carter, a direct descendant of the town's earliest physician.

**Annual Financial Statement for 2003 From Austin
Associates, P.A., Certified Public Accountants**



October 26, 2004

To the Board of Trustees
Bethel Historical Society
P.O. Box 12
Bethel, ME 04217

We have reviewed the accompanying statements of financial position of Bethel Historical Society, (a nonprofit organization), as of December 31, 2003 and 2002, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, changes in net assets, and cash flows for the years then ended, in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. All information included in these financial statements is the representation of the management of Bethel Historical Society.

A review consists principally of inquiries of organization personnel and analytical procedures applied to financial data. It is substantially less in scope than an examination in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Austin Associates, P.A.
AUSTIN ASSOCIATES, P.A.
Certified Public Accountants

**Bethel Historical Society
Statements of Financial Position
December 31, 2003 and 2002**

Exhibit A

<u>Assets</u>	2003	2002
Current Assets:		
Cash	\$ 13,209	\$ 86,419
Certificates of deposit	3,000	32,799
Restricted cash	67,635	110,106
Inventory	74,051	77,729
Total current assets	157,895	307,053
Land, Building and Equipment	790,767	763,347
Less: Accumulated depreciation	380,530	359,200
	410,237	404,147
Other Assets:		
Investments--Marketable securities	438,379	329,341
Restricted cash and certificates of deposit	24,792	73,882
Restricted investments	137,204	0
Total other assets	600,375	403,223
Total assets	\$1,168,507	\$1,114,423
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 2,625	\$ 2,289
Accrued expenses	656	393
Deferred income	9,480	0
Total current liabilities	12,761	2,682
Net Assets:		
Unrestricted	926,116	927,753
Temporarily restricted	79,935	67,268
Permanently restricted	149,695	116,720
Total net assets	1,155,746	1,111,741
Total liabilities and net assets	\$1,168,507	\$1,114,423

**Bethel Historical Society
Statement of Activities
For The Year Ended December 31, 2003**

Exhibit B

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Support and Revenue:				
Contributions	\$ 22,634	\$ 0	\$ 32,975	\$ 55,609
Grants	0	400	0	400
Dues	9,268	0	0	9,268
Admission and sales income	20,556	0	0	20,556
Capital campaign income	0	32,177	0	32,177
Rental income	210	0	0	210
Special event income	74,547	0	0	74,547
Less--Cost of special events	(70,686)	0	0	(70,686)
Investment income	15,804	3,458	0	19,262
Loss on sale of securities	(875)	0	0	(875)
Unrealized gain on marketable securities	21,349	3,215	0	24,564
Net assets released from restrictions	26,583	(26,583)	0	0
Total support and revenue	119,390	12,667	32,975	165,032
Expenses:				
Program services	109,607	0	0	109,607
Supporting services	11,420	0	0	11,420
Total expenses	121,027	0	0	121,027
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	\$ (1,637)	\$ 12,667	\$ 32,975	\$ 44,005

See accountants' review report.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**Bethel Historical Society
Statement of Activities
For The Year Ended December 31, 2002**

Exhibit B

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Support and Revenue:				
Contributions	\$ 20,125	\$ 150	\$ 82,000	\$ 102,275
Grants	0	1,491	0	1,491
Dues	8,226	0	0	8,226
Admission and sales income	15,270	0	0	15,270
Capital campaign income	0	33,580	0	33,580
Rental income	320	0	0	320
Special event income	92,115	0	0	92,115
Less--Cost of special events	(91,077)	0	0	(91,077)
Investment income	20,720	1,260	0	21,980
Gain (loss) on sale of securities	9,992	(47)	0	9,945
Unrealized loss on marketable securities	(17,272)	0	0	(17,272)
Net assets released from restrictions	18,288	(18,288)	0	0
Total support and revenue	76,707	18,146	82,000	176,853
Expenses:				
Program services	99,668	0	0	99,668
Supporting services	12,086	0	0	12,086
Total expenses	111,754	0	0	111,754
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	\$ (35,047)	\$ 18,146	\$ 82,000	\$ 65,099

Exhibit C

Bethel Historical Society
Statements of Changes in Net Assets
For The Years Ended December 31, 2003 and 2002

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Balance, at January 1, 2002, as previously stated	\$ 1,043,597	\$ 3,045	\$ 0	\$ 1,046,642
Prior period adjustment	(80,797)	46,077	34,720	0
Balance, at January 1, 2002, as restated	962,800	49,122	34,720	1,046,642
Increase (Decrease) in net assets	(35,047)	18,146	82,000	65,099
Balance, at December 31, 2002	927,753	67,268	116,720	1,111,741
Increase (Decrease) in net assets	(1,637)	12,667	32,975	44,005
Balance, at December 31, 2003	\$ 926,116	\$ 79,935	\$ 149,695	\$ 1,155,746

Exhibit D

Bethel Historical Society
Statement of Functional Expenses
For The Year Ended December 31, 2003

	Program Services	Supporting Services	Total
Advertising	\$ 535	\$ 0	\$ 535
Bank charges	0	245	245
Bookkeeping expense	0	395	395
Building maintenance	3,163	0	3,163
Depreciation	19,197	2,133	21,330
Director's expense	0	300	300
Dues	800	0	800
Heat, lights and water	9,179	0	9,179
Insurance	13,225	1,150	14,375
Janitorial services	1,535	0	1,535
Merchandise for resale	15,076	0	15,076
Miscellaneous	0	1,353	1,353
Office supplies and printing	4,993	555	5,548
Postage	2,949	328	3,277
Professional fees	0	2,450	2,450
Salaries	34,207	2,183	36,390
Taxes	3,416	180	3,596
Telephone	1,332	148	1,480
Total expenses	\$109,607	\$11,420	\$121,027

Exhibit D

Bethel Historical Society
Statement of Functional Expenses
For The Year Ended December 31, 2002

	Program Services	Supporting Services	Total
Advertising	\$ 538	\$ 0	\$ 538
Bank charges	0	250	250
Bookkeeping expense	0	492	492
Building maintenance	2,936	0	2,936
Depreciation	18,913	2,101	21,014
Director's expense	0	300	300
Dues	654	0	654
Heat, lights and water	7,746	0	7,746
Insurance	12,899	1,122	14,021
Janitorial services	1,354	0	1,354
Merchandise for resale	8,110	0	8,110
Miscellaneous	0	2,118	2,118
Office supplies and printing	8,072	897	8,969
Postage	2,801	311	3,112
Professional fees	0	2,200	2,200
Salaries	31,530	2,012	33,542
Taxes	2,958	154	3,112
Telephone	1,157	129	1,286
Total expenses	\$ 99,668	\$12,086	\$111,754

Exhibit E

Bethel Historical Society
Statements of Cash Flows
For The Years Ended December 31, 2003 and 2002

	2003	2002
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
Increase in net assets	\$ 44,005	\$ 65,099
Adjustments to reconcile increase in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	21,330	21,014
Securities received as a donation	(1,439)	(2,091)
(Gain) loss on sale of securities	875	(9,945)
Unrealized (gain) loss on change in value of marketable securities	(24,564)	17,272
Decrease in operating assets--Inventory	3,678	1,281
Increase (Decrease) in operating liabilities:		
Accounts payable	336	799
Accrued expenses	263	(2,207)
Deferred income	9,480	0
Net cash provided by operating activities	53,964	91,222
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:		
Capital expenditures	(27,420)	(16,642)
Purchase of investments	(347,507)	(75,334)
Proceeds from the sale of investments	126,392	88,977
Maturity (purchase) of certificates of deposit with terms greater than three months	49,091	46,006
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(199,444)	43,007
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(145,480)	134,229
Cash and Cash Equivalents, at beginning of year	229,324	95,095
Cash and Cash Equivalents, at end of year	\$ 83,844	\$ 229,324

Bethel Historical Society
Notes to the Financial Statements
December 31, 2003 and 2002

NOTE 1: Significant Accounting Policies

Organization's activities:

The Organization is a society which promotes the preservation of the history of Bethel, Maine. The Society's primary revenues are donations, dues, admission fees, retail sales, and fees from special events. Other sources of revenue include grants and earnings on investments.

Basis of presentation:

In 1996, the Organization elected to adopt Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 117, *Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Organizations*. Under SFAS No. 117, the Organization is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: Unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets, and permanently restricted net assets. In addition, the Organization is required to present a statement of cash flows.

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Net assets and revenues, expenses, gains, and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets of the Organization and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

Unrestricted net assets--Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed stipulations.

Temporarily restricted net assets--Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that may or will be met, either by actions of the Organization and/or the passage of time.

Permanently restricted net assets--Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that they be maintained permanently by the Organization. Generally, the donors of these assets permit the Organization to use all or part of the income earned on any related investments for general or specific purposes.

Expiration of donor-imposed restrictions:

The expiration of a donor-imposed restriction on a contribution or on endowment income is recognized in the period in which the restriction expires and at that time the related resources are reclassified to unrestricted net assets. A restriction expires when the stipulated time has elapsed, when the stipulated purpose for which the resource was restricted has been fulfilled, or both.

Cash:

For purposes of the statements of cash flows, the Organization considers all highly liquid debt instruments purchased with a maturity date of three months or less to be cash or cash equivalents.

Inventories:

Inventories are stated at lower of cost or market value, with cost generally determined on the first-in, first-out method.

Bethel Historical Society
Notes to the Financial Statements
December 31, 2003 and 2002

NOTE 1: Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Land, building and equipment:

Purchases of property are capitalized at cost. Donations of property and equipment are recorded as support at their estimated fair value. Depreciation is computed on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Minor additions and replacements and routine repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred.

Contributions:

Contributions, including unconditional promises to give, are recorded as made. All contributions are available for unrestricted use unless specifically restricted by the donor. Conditional promises to give are recognized when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met. Unconditional promises to give, due in the next year, are recorded at their net realizable value. Unconditional promises to give, due in subsequent years, are reported at the present value of their net realizable value, using risk-free interest rates applicable to the years in which the promises are to be received.

In-kind contributions:

Contributions of donated non-cash assets are recorded at their fair values in the period received. Contributions of donated services that create or enhance non-financial assets or that require specialized skills, are provided by individuals possessing those skills, and would typically be purchased if not provided by donation, are recorded at their fair values in the period received.

Advertising:

The Organization uses advertising to promote its programs among the public it serves. Advertising costs are expensed as incurred. Advertising expense was \$535 and \$538 for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively.

Income taxes:

No provision for income taxes has been made due to the Organization's tax exempt status under IRC Section 501(c)(3).

Use of estimates:

The Organization uses estimates and assumptions in preparing financial statements. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the reported revenues and expenses. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

NOTE 2: Concentrations of Credit Risk

The Organization maintains all of its cash and cash equivalents at several financial institutions and in several nationally known money funds. The balance at each financial institution is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to \$100,000. The balances in the money funds are not covered by the FDIC. The Organization's uninsured cash and cash equivalents at December 31, 2002 was \$102,165. The Organization had no uninsured cash and cash equivalents at December 31, 2003.

Bethel Historical Society
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NOTE 3: Land, Building and Equipment

	Cost	
	2003	2002
Land and building	\$578,621	\$578,621
Improvements	153,661	126,963
Equipment	<u>58,485</u>	<u>57,763</u>
	<u>\$790,767</u>	<u>\$763,347</u>

NOTE 4: Investments--Marketable Securities

Investments in securities are recorded at their fair values, which are based on quoted market prices for individual debt and marketable securities and published unit values for mutual funds. Purchased securities are recorded at cost as of their trade dates, donated securities are recorded at their market values on the dates received. Gains or losses from the sale of securities are determined by the first-in, first-out method.

	2003		2002	
	Cost	Market Value	Cost	Market Value
Stocks	\$168,123	\$222,554	\$ 79,948	\$108,735
Mutual funds	108,725	112,205	0	0
Corporate bonds	84,794	85,558	9,923	10,496
Government bonds	<u>150,980</u>	<u>155,266</u>	<u>201,073</u>	<u>210,110</u>
Total marketable securities	<u>\$512,622</u>	<u>\$575,583</u>	<u>\$290,944</u>	<u>\$329,341</u>

Market value exceeds cost by \$62,961 and \$38,397 at December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively.

NOTE 5: Temporarily and Permanently Restricted Net Assets

Temporarily restricted net assets at December 31, 2003 and 2002 were available for the following purposes:

	2003	2002
Capital campaign	\$ 69,662	\$ 62,842
Mollycokett world exhibit	1,548	1,491
Scholarships	342	204
Austin Twitchell collection/Moses Mason House	4,678	0
Miscellaneous preservation programs	<u>2,812</u>	<u>2,731</u>
Special event entitled "Sudbury Canada Days"	<u>893</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>\$ 79,935</u>	<u>\$ 67,268</u>

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NOTE 5: Temporarily and Permanently Restricted Net Assets (Continued)

The investment income earned on the balances of permanently restricted net assets is restricted to the following uses at December 31, 2003 and 2002:

	2003	2002
Collections and preservation of buildings	\$117,500	\$ 85,000
Special event entitled "Sudbury Canada Days"	20,000	20,000
Plants for buildings and grounds	4,860	4,660
Scholarships	4,275	4,000
Books and genealogical materials	<u>2,560</u>	<u>2,560</u>
Noll award	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
	<u>\$149,695</u>	<u>\$116,720</u>

NOTE 6: Release from Restrictions

Program restrictions were satisfied during the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002 by incurring expenses for the restricted purposes specified by the donors as follows:

	2003	2002
Capital campaign	\$ 26,196	\$ 16,642
Special event entitled "Sudbury Canada Days"	0	1,114
Collections	0	250
Books and genealogical materials	<u>237</u>	<u>98</u>
Miscellaneous preservation programs	<u>150</u>	<u>184</u>
	<u>\$ 26,583</u>	<u>\$ 18,288</u>

NOTE 7: Fundraising Expenses

Total fundraising expenses were \$5,228 and \$5,238 for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively.

NOTE 8: Prior Period Adjustment

During the year ended December 31, 2002, errors were discovered regarding the classification of net assets in prior years. At December 31, 2001, \$46,077 of temporarily restricted net assets and \$34,720 of permanently restricted net assets were inadvertently classified as unrestricted net assets. Adjustments related to correcting this error reduced unrestricted net assets by \$80,797 at December 31, 2001.

NOTE 9: Reclassifications

Certain amounts reported for 2002 have been reclassified to conform with the 2003 presentation. Such reclassifications had no effect on reported income.

Diary of William S. Hastings

(continued from the last issue)



1941-June 1, Clear & warm. Fenced & planted garden. Bill planted his garden [4-H project]. Went to John & Maud Irvine's silver tea. Greenwood in late p.m. June 2, Clear & warm. Repaired machinery & cut seed. Plowed in p.m. June 3, Smoky. Plowed & harrowed in a.m. P.M. 2 hr. on Edward's map job in L17R5. June 4, Clear & hot. Back is out again. Norway. Searched records two hr. on Mills job. Looked up original layout of Howe Hill Road, 1839. Got Ruth's birth certificate. Star meeting. June 5, Clear & hot. Repaired Coburn shed. June 6, Clear & hot. Repairing. June 7, Clear & hot. Edwards map job until mid-afternoon. June 8, Clear & hot. Finished planting the sweet corn. Potatoes - 20.5A; Oats - 14.25A; Ensilage Corn - 2.25; String Beans - 3/4 A = \$37.5 A total. Greenwood in p.m. Took canoe. June 9, Clear. Full Gale! 6 hr. for P. H. Chadbourne in L9R13 Waterford. Fire in Albany slash. 5 buildings burn in Hanover. Fire at Oxford Plains. June 10, Clear & Gale! 1 1/2 bu. for Wilder Kimball in L80, 2nd Division, Rumford. Barbara graduated from grammar school. In the first five of fifty in rank. Practice meeting in eve. June 11, Clear, cool. Mower repair meeting at Carey Stevens. 8 machines there. Very good meeting. Practice meeting in the eve. June 12, Clear & warm. Put cultivator on tractor. 2 loads of firewood in p.m. Cousin Hugh & [his daughter] Helen Hastings called in p.m. from Fryeburg. Mason Meeting in eve. M.M. degree on Brother Burns. June 13, Clear & warm. Hauled firewood to shed. It is dryer than usual. June 14, Rain. Jacked Bean barn into shape. June 15, Cloudy. Round home in a.m. Visited Grace & Mert [Millet] at their camp [on Little Pennessewassee Lake]. June 16, Cloudy. G. A. Graduation Day. Worked on Bean barn in a.m. In p.m. surveyed 3 1/2 hrs. for Osgood (Town). June 17, Clear & warm. Started to renew Bean barn roof. June 18, Cloudy & showery. All day on steel roof. June 19, Clear & hot. Joint Directors' meeting with Androscoggin Co. at Norway Country Club. June 20, Clear & hot. A.M. on steel roof. P.M. Norway for treatment. June 21, Round home. June 22, Clear & hot. Grover's and my family went to Umbagog. Nice trip. June 23, Clear & hot. Finished the steel roof. Went to Auburn in eve. to see Alton C. Wheeler's maps and plans. June 24, Round home. June 25, Clear & hot. 1 day research in A. C. Wheeler's office on Thompson's Gore case. June 26, Clear & hot. 1 day on Gore lines with Lewis Farnum, (\$1.25). June 27, Clear & HOT!, 1 day research in Ox. Co. Registry on Gore case. June 28, Clear & HOT! 2 hr. for Town on sidewalk on East side of Main St. P.M. Auburn to see A. C. Wheeler. June 29, Clear & hot. Round home a.m. Greenwood in p.m. June 30, Still HOT! 1 day in field on Gore lines. Verrill boys with me. July 1, HOT! Conference at So. Paris. Met Earl Watson of Naples, Court Surveyor. July 2, Hotter! 1 day on Gore with Earl Watson. Cooler at night. July 3, Hotter!!! 1 day on Gore lines. North Gore line from Poland's SW corner westerly. Served as night officer at Bethel [to help curb 4th of July pranksters]. July 4, Hot & dry. Hayed all p.m. July 5, Hot & dry. Back on Gore line. Finished North Gore line thur to Bethel line. July 6, Clear & hot. Hayed all day. Chase buildings burned. July 7, Showery. Measured Bethel-Milton town line south to Grant line, 350 rods [plus or minus]. June 8, Rain. Went to Milton but no crew showed up. Cleaned cellar. P.M. Bethel to lay out sidewalk, 4 hrs. July 9, Showers. 1 day as chainman for Earl

Watson. Wet day. Ran east line of Thompson Grant. Measured South line of Verrill's land in Lot 57 & 58. July 10, Clear. 1/2 day drafting plans. 1/2 day research, 50 miles. July 11, Clear & hot. 1 day at court on Verrill-Mann case. July 12, Showers. 1 day at court. July 13, Cloudy. 3 hr. wiring for John Irvine. 1 hr. on map of Milton for Wheeler. July 14, Clear & warm. 1 day in A. C. Wheeler's office on Milton case. July 15, Clear & warm. (Repaired hay-loader) 1 day at court. Viewing locus. July 16, Clear. 1 day at Milton & So. Paris for A. C. W. July 17, Rain. 1 day at S. Paris on title work for A. C. W. July 18, Clear & warm. Hayed in a.m. P.M. to Norway for treatment. F. & G. Field Day in eve. July 19, Rain. Field Day. Usual weather. July 20, Clear & cool. Ran range line between R3 & 4 Lot 8 Greenwood for Bennett & Ames, 4 hrs. July 21, Clear & cool. Rodney [Howe] & I surveyed for Harry Jordan in L16R3, Bethel, 6 hr. July 22, Cloudy & showers. Gene & I finished Jordan job, 8 hr. \$2 for Gene. \$10 + \$2 + \$2 = \$14. Mason meeting at Jefferson Lodge. July 23, Clear & hot. Pulled weeds & hayed. July 24, Clear & HOT. Coolidge-Mason hearing at Norway. 4 hr. research for Hugh Thurston. 4 hr. surveying on "Emery Lot," Howe Hill. Home at 9 p.m. July 25, Clear & hot. Finished Farwell's haying. Bad shower at night. July 26, Clear, hot. Pulled weeds a.m. P.M. went to Bethel. Watched the oil line operation on W. Bethel Flat [building of oil pipeline]. July 27, Cloudy, warm. Grover's family & my family went to South Arm, Middle Dam, Upper Dam. Nice trip. July 28, Rain. Threw my back out & went to Norway. Looked up deeds. Thurston 1 hr. Town of Bethel 4 hrs. July 29, Clear & cool. Went to White Cap after blueberries. Got about 2 bu. July 30, Clear & hot. Picked beans a.m., 319 #. Worked on filed notes in p.m. Late p.m. went to Town Farm to look over lines & look for "Wigh corner." July 31, Rainy. 5 hours at Registry looking up data. Copied a plan of Newry. Fixed John's electric fence. August 1, Clear & hot. 2 hr. on Thurston House lot Bethel. 3 hrs. on Jordan Lot 17 R3 Bethel, 2 hrs. on Emery Lot 7R3 Greenwood. August 2, Mowed weeds & hay. Ruth & Barbara gone to Bob's camp with the [4-H] Club winners. August 3, Clear & hot. Measured a line for Winslow. Worked on maps. August 4, Clear & warm. Picked beans all day, 908 lbs. August 5, Cloudy, clearing. Winslow hearing at Norway carried over. Thurston, 1 hr. Looked up deeds to Twaddle-Mills property, 3 hr. Uncle Orvern Millet died at noon, after a stroke Sunday [brother-in-law of William Straw Hastings' mother]. August 6, Clear & hot. Mills job, 6 hr. August 7, Clear & hot. 3 1/2 hrs. on Mills-Twaddle job. Uncle Orvern's funeral [S. Paris]. E. A. degree on Gerard Williams. August 8, Clear, cool. Director's meeting at So. Paris. Hayed for Farwell's in p.m. August 9, Clear & hot. Picked beans all day, 1129 lbs. August 10, Clear & cool. A. M. round home. P.M. went up Sunday River. Bessey's combine is threshing our rye. August 11, Clear & cool. 6 hrs. on Mills job. Finished East of the road. August 12, Back went "out" a little. Norway in p.m. August 13, Clear & cold. Surveyed Hal Hastings island. Also Orchard. August 14, Clear & cold. 5 hrs. for Widd Twaddle in Andover L16R1 & L1R2 & Rumford L1, First Division east of Ellis River. August 15, Clear & warm. Mowed 2nd crop in a.m. Norway in p.m. for treatment. August 16, Clear & cool. 6 hrs. on Mills job. Finished East of the road. August 17, Clear & Cold. Family climbed Spec Mt. [Grafton]. Greenwood afternoon. Hartford & finished.

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Photo Gallery



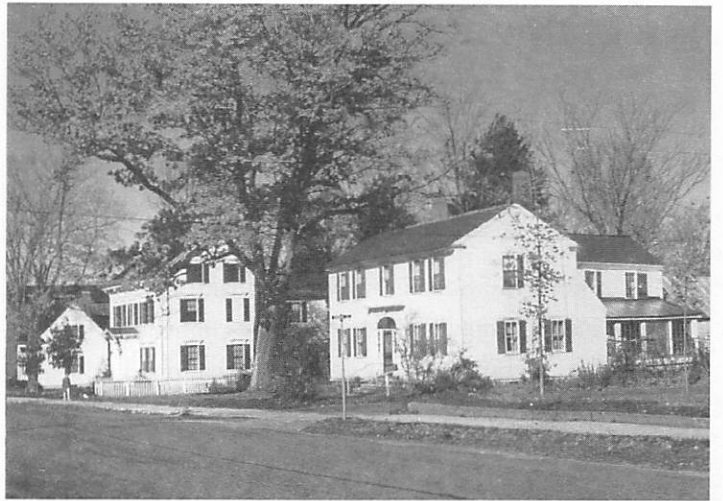
Trustee Board Chair and Society Vice President Al Cressy introduces the speaker Marty Engstrom at the Annual Meeting.



Jacqueline Cressy, Garden and Grounds Committee Chair, invites more volunteers to join the Committee in 2005.



Annual Meeting speaker Marty Engstrom displays his famous smile at the end of his presentation.



The Dr. Moses Mason House (right) is seen as it looked in the early 1970s prior to its restoration with the present O'Neil Robinson House and Bethel Library at the left.



The 1965 Bethel Fire Station came down on June 3rd to make way for the entrance to the new facility.

Book Note

The Smile of Providence: A History of Gilead, Maine. By Howard C. Reiche, Jr. and Hugh G. Chapman. Falmouth, ME: Long Point Press, 2004. Pp. 96. Paper \$10.

For anyone interested in the history of this western Maine town, this book will be useful since it represents the first real published history of Gilead, which this year celebrated its bicentenary. Rieche and Chapman have done an admirable job of assembling a large number of photographs, which assist in understanding the town's past. They have arranged the text in more than a dozen chapters, covering such topics, as transportation, wars, education, farming, etc. There is also a bibliography and an index containing many names and a few subjects. This books promises to be a volume that will be consulted for years to come.

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Help keep the Society strong by making a gift to its Annual Fund Campaign. Tax deductible contributions help support its exhibits, special events, publications, and other programming. Gifts in any amount may be made throughout the year to the Society at P.O. Box 12, Bethel, ME 04217-0012.



Edmund P. Branch, President of the Maine Society, Sons of the American Revolution, addresses the SAR meeting held at the Dr. Moses Mason House on September 11. Among those honored by the Maine Society, SAR were past Society president Alden T. Kennett and Society Director Stanley R. Howe.



Member Profile

June Abbott

June Abbott was born in Newark, NJ, the daughter of Charles and Veronica Forsythe. Her family soon moved to Little Falls, NJ, where she grew up, attending local schools, and graduating from Passaic Valley High School. From there she went to Montclair College and later was a teacher for twenty-six years, retiring in 1994 when she moved to Bethel with her husband Alan, whom she married in 1956. He died in 2003. She has three children and eight grandchildren.

In Bethel, she was very active in the bicentennial events during 1996 and is a longtime officer of the Middle Intervale Meetinghouse Society. She is also an avid quilter with the Cross Country Quilters. A dedicated volunteer who fills in wherever needed, she was elected to the Board of Trustees at the recent Annual Meeting.

Her hobbies include quilting and painting.

Gilead Historical Society Formed

On 13 November 2004, an enthusiastic group met at the recently refurbished Gilead Town Hall to organize a "Gilead Historical Society." With the main goal of "preserving the history of the town of Gilead for future generations," this fledgling organization has been formed to capture the enthusiasm generated by the recent bicentennial celebration of the town's incorporation. Anyone interested in the history of this community is encouraged to write the Gilead Historical Society, 14 Depot Street, Gilead, ME 04217 for a membership application. A newsletter and programs are planned for 2005.

Bethel Historical Society Sponsors 7th Annual New Year's Bethel

Five program venues of entertainment at four locations (Dr. Moses Mason House, Gould Academy's Bingham Hall and Bingham Gym, and the West Parish Congregational Church) will be offered as part of the 7th annual New Year's Bethel, presented by the Society on December 31. Performers include Michael Cooper, visual artist and mime; Norbert Twitchell, Maine humorist; the Hobohemians, traditional music from bluegrass fiddle tunes to contemporary favorites; Ti Acadie, contra dancing featuring waltzes, polkas, hambos and Cajun two-steps; State Street Traditional Jazz Band, New Orleans jazz. In addition, there will be an ecumenical service, crafts and activities for children, community bonfire, horse-drawn wagon rides, a food court, fireworks and community bell ringing. For information on tickets and tax deductible sponsorships, please call the Society at (207) 824-2908 or (800) 824-2910.

Mason Descendants Wanted

Society member Dr. Vernon L. Ingraham, a direct descendant of Moses Mason (father of Dr. Moses Mason) of Dublin, NH, and Bethel, ME, is interested in corresponding with other Mason descendants, including any residing in the Bethel area. Dr. Ingraham's great grandfather, Eli Leland Mason, is buried in Pine Grove Cemetery, West Bethel. Dr. Ingraham's address is 22 Pinehurst Drive, Wareham, MA 02571.

Editor's Corner

Another Annual Meeting has now come and gone. A hearty thanks goes out to everyone who made the past Society year such a success due to all their volunteer time and/or financial support. It is all greatly appreciated and is so essential in keeping the Society moving forward.

We expect a busy year in 2005 with the bicentenary of Oxford County observed on June 11 at Paris Hill and with the arrival of the Smithsonian Institution's exhibit "Barn Again!" in August and its accompanying special programming. Planning is going on now for these and for other events that may be tied to our current exhibit, "Molly Ockett and Her World." We hope to have some new programming during the year as well. Anyone with ideas or suggestions is urged to contact the Society's Program Committee, staff and/or officers.

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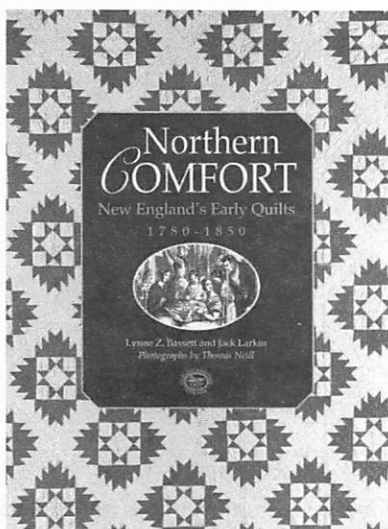
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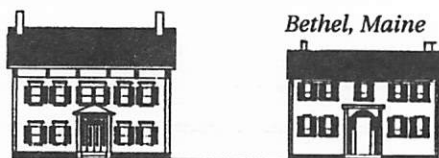
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